

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., JUNE 6TH, 2013 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 6th day of June 2013, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, *Spring Brook Fire Company* was founded in February of 1913 and elected Frank Kirst as the first Chief, and;

WHEREAS, *Spring Brook Fire Company* formed a Membership Corporation in 1916 and a charter was issued by the State of New York, thus improving insufficient fire protection for the surrounding community, which up until that time was only bucket brigades or borrowed equipment from neighboring communities, and;

WHEREAS, *Spring Brook Fire Company* purchased its first piece of moving equipment, a second-hand pumper from Vigilant Fire Company of Ebenezer, New York, that could be drawn by men or horses and required four men on each side pumping and a bucket brigade to keep the tank full, and;

WHEREAS, *Spring Brook Fire Company* didn't have a fire hall in the early days and meetings were held in St. Vincent's Parish Hall, the Odd Fellows Hall, the old No. 10 School House and Weston's Hotel, which is now the Spring Brook Hotel, and;

WHEREAS, *Spring Brook Fire Company* built its first fire hall in 1925 to house a modern fire truck, a Larrabee, which was built in Buffalo, and was equipped with 46 gallon chemical tanks, and;

WHEREAS, *Spring Brook Fire Company* built an addition to the existing one-bay fire hall in 1950 and the building was renovated in its entirety in 1951, allowing enough room to house three pieces of fire equipment, and the hall was dedicated in 1962, and;

WHEREAS, *Spring Brook Fire Company* acquired the property on Pound Road, The Spring Brook Firemen's Park, in 1947 and erected a bar building in 1954, a kitchen building in 1957, and a recreation building in 1980 at this site, and;

WHEREAS, *Spring Brook Fire Company* elected its first female Chief, Nancy Thompson, in December of 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge *Spring Brook Fire Company* on its 100th anniversary of serving the community.

Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislator -10th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County